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1. WHEN MENTIONING FAILURE OF PMG TO AUTHORIZE BROADCAST
ON KAGNEW FOUR YOU MAY, IF YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, MENTION
THAT THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH XMAS APPROACHING WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY INDICATED FOR AN APPEAL TO THE ELF/PLF TO
RELEASE THE CAPTIVES. IF TEFERI AGREES TO SUCH A BROAD-
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CAST WE WOULD SLIGHTLY CHANGE THE MESSAGE YOU HAVE NOW
(REF.D AS AMENDED) TO SUIT IT TO THE SEASON AND CLEAR IT
WITH THE FAMILIES. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. REGARDLESS OF PMG ACTION WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING A BROADCAST BY VOA REPORTING THAT THE FAMILIES OF THE CAPTIVES HAVE SENT SPECIAL APPEALS TO THE ELF/PLF TO RELEASE THE KAGNEW FOUR DURING THE XMAS SEASON, USING THIS NEWS EVENT TO GIVE THE BACKGROUND ON THEIR CAPTURE AND DETAINMENT, AND POSSIBLY INCLUDING AN INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF THE FAMILIES. WE MIGHT TRY TO GET BBC TO BROADCAST THIS AS WELL IN VIEW OF THEIR LISTENERSHIP AMONG THE INSURGENTS. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS. KISSINGER

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